

AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

Advisory Council Monthly- Final Meeting December 13, 2002

Alaska Building - 13th Floor Conference Room,
618 Second Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Present: Marc Avni, Martha Becker, Gabriel Cohen, Cleo Corcoran, Timmie Faghin, Lee Gaylor, John Kennedy, Karen Sluiter, Larry Verhei, Suzanne B. Wiley, Lisa Yeager, Frederick H. Yee, Will Parry, Thelma Coney, Mae Shields, John Holecek

Absent: Randy Hayhurst, Juanita Grant, Greg Stack, Steve Colwell, and Peter Steinbrueck.

Excused: Helen Spencer, Patrick Carroll

Guests: Larry Low, Joanne Brekke

Sponsors: Ven Knox, City of Seattle; David Okimoto, United Way

STAFF: ADS: Pamela Piering, Rosemary Cunningham, Karen Winston, Linda Wells, Margaret Casey, Allison Ruff, and Ozell Bledsoe; King County: Ken Shulman, United Way of King County; Linda Woodall

MINUTES

Karen Sluiter, Chair, convened the Advisory Council meeting at 12:00 p.m. The minutes of the November 8, 2002 Advisory Council Annual Meeting were approved with corrections on the bottom of page 3 that Martha Becker is United Way appointee and Larry Verhei is King County appointee to Advisory Council.

Program: W4A Legislative Updates

Richard Dorsett, Executive Director, Washington Association of Area Agencies on Aging (W4A), provided updated information about the structure, functions and future directions of the W4A. He also reported on the impact of current legislative budget issues and upcoming initiatives.

W4A advocacy tools include:

- The Washington News services to talk about budget issues;
- Improve Electronic Advocacy System to communicate with legislators;
- Facilitating statewide planning using the Elder Goals framework created by Visiting Nurse Services of New York;
- Participating in a new Citizens Group on Long Term Care;
- And tracking the impact of upcoming budget cuts.

Richard announced that there would not be a Senior Lobby Day in 2003 due to construction on the Olympia Capitol Building.

BUSINESS MEETING

Karen Sluiter, Chair, gave the Chair's Annual Report (see attached). She expressed thanks to all Advisory Council and ADS staff members for their hard work and supportive efforts throughout the year of 2002.

David Okimoto, United Way, thanked the departing Advisory Council members for their hard work and dedication on the council in 2002.

Ven Knox, City of Seattle, announced that she would be leaving the Human Services Department after 17 years with the City and 9 years as HSD Director to become the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Monorail Project. She thanked outgoing members for their dedication and work as volunteers on the Advisory Council.

Ken Shulman, King County Liaison, thanked Advisory Council appointees from King County for their time and energy devoted to council work. He acknowledged Lee Gaylor, King County appointee, for his six years of dedication to forwarding the Advisory Council agenda.

Pam Piering, ADS Director, acknowledged five Advisory Council members who will be leaving the Advisory Council. She gave certificates of appreciation to each retiring member and read the following quotes to thank them for their contributions to the efforts of the AC:

Lee Gaylor, King County:

"The best craftsmanship always leaves holes and gaps in the works of the poem so that something that is not in the poem can creep, crawl, flash or thunder in" Dylan Thomas.

Fred Yee, United Way:

"Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Peter Steinbreuck, City of Seattle:

"The Park (Central Park NYC) throughout is a single work of art, and as such subject to the primary law of every work of art, noble motive to which the design of all its parts in some more or less subtle way, shall be confluent and helpful". Frederick Law Olmsted and Calrest Vaux.

Karen Sluiter, United Way:

"If we are to achieve a richer culture rich in contrasting values we must recognize the whole gamut of human potentialities, and so weave a less arbitrary social fabric, one in which each diverse human gift will find a fitting place." Margaret Mead

Greg Stack, City of Seattle:

Pam expressed appreciation for Greg's leadership as Chair of the Housing Task Force, commitment to Universal Design issues, membership on the Housing Levy Oversight Committee and service on the Advisory Council since 1996.

Pam gave Karen Sluiter a bouquet of flowers and an engraved clock in appreciation for her six years of service to the Advisory Council and her outstanding leadership as Advisory Council chair for 2002.

Pam also acknowledged three Advisory Council members who are resigning due to personal reasons. She thanked them for their contributions to the efforts of the Advisory Council and for their valuable community service. Those members who are:

Pat Carroll, City of Seattle

Randy Hayhurst, City of Seattle

Juanita Grant, King County

Suzanne Wiley, Chair Elect, outlined the areas that will be addressed at the Advisory Council retreat in January 2003. More details will be provided in the Retreat Agenda that will be mailed in January.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 1:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: 2003 Advisory Council Retreat

Day/date: **Friday, January 10, 2003**

Time: **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Place: **Nordic Heritage Museum**

3014 N W 67th St.

Seattle, WA 98117

Suzanne Wiley, Secretary-Treasurer_____